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Decline in Export of Basmati Rice
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of Basmati rice from the country has declined considerably since May 2014 till date;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this decline in the said export;
(c) the steps taken by the Government to resume normal exports through the Ministry and the other channels along with the outcome; and
(d) the details of other Basmati rice exporting countries who are supplying Basmati rice same as indian quality and standards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a & b): The details of export of Basmati rice in last three years and current year are given below. Export in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are similar or higher in quantity terms as compared to 2013-14. However, in value terms there is negative growth which is due to fall in prices in global markets for most commodities including rice.

Quantity in Million MT; Value USD Million

Year	Quantity	Value
2013-14	3.76	4866
2014-15	3.70	4518
2015-16	4.04	3478
2016-17(April-December)	2.92	2292

(c & d): Pakistan is the only country, other than India, producing Basmati rice. India has about 85% share of the global export. The Government works closely with the institutions in the importing countries to gain and sustain market access for Indian Basmati rice which is now exported to about 130 countries across the world.

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